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1. The Prime Minister believes the general political and economic situation has improved in the past two weeks. This is largely the result of the lessening of Communist agitation and the cooperative position of the National Democratic Front in the Council of Ministers. He believes that if no major trouble occurs before Christmas the new government will have a smooth course for at least two more months.

2. After meeting of the Council of Ministers on 14 December, the agenda included ten complicated and controversial bills. Due to the cooperation of the Ministers the entire ten bills were approved. One bill provided for the immediate arrest of all the members of the Antonescu regime. Of ministerial rank and certain ministers under the Carol regime responsible for the pro-German policy.

Comment: This law has not yet been published. If it is actually put in force, the arrest of these individuals will be the biggest step taken by the Rumanians against the war guilty.

3. The Prime Minister is very much pleased with his recent conversation with General Vinogradov. Moscow found Vinogradov most sympathetic to him in almost all their meetings. The only disquieting note in the present situation is the persistent rumor that the unusual quiet on the part of the Communists forebodes sinister intentions. Rumors have reached even the Prime Minister that the Communists are plotting a coup d'etat about 18 December. A report comes from a source close to Rumania to the effect that the Communists are purchasing large

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amounts of small arms. It is also reported that Maniu has heard that the Communists are obtaining arms from the Russians.

Comment: In the light of the present situation and other considerations, such rumors, though received in high places and passed on, may well be enemy planted and should be treated with great reserve.

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